

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-12. (canceled)

13. (Currently amended) A component with an internal conductor, which is so configured that it is ruptured at a predetermined position while forming an arc, if predetermined current/voltage conditions occur at terminals of the component, said component comprising a circuit element which is so arranged that an arc formed at the predetermined position can act on the circuit element such that the circuit element alters ~~its~~ electrical properties of the circuit element, wherein the circuit element comprises a second conductor, which is ruptured under the action of the arc and wherein the second conductor crosses the internal conductor at the predetermined position and further comprising a resistive element in parallel with the second conductor on which the arc can act.

14. (Original) The component of claim 13, wherein the component is a layered component, the conductor and the circuit element including structured layers located on a substrate.

15. (Currently amended) The component of claim 13, wherein the component includes two terminals, the internal conductor and the circuit element ~~being~~ being connected between the two terminals.

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Original) The component of claim 15, wherein the circuit element comprises a second conductor, which is ruptured under the action of the arc.

18. (Currently amended) The component of claim 13, wherein the circuit element comprises a two-pole component, which alters its electrical resistance under the action of the arc.

19-22 (Cancelled)

23. (Currently amended) The component of claim [[21]] 13, wherein the internal conductor, which is ruptured to form an arc, is connected in series with [[the]] a parallel circuit comprising the circuit element and resistive element.

24. (Cancelled)

25. (Original) The component of claim 23 for use as a fuse component, wherein the internal conductor is ruptured to form an arc if a current through the conductor exceeds a maximum value for an associated maximum period of time.

26. (Cancelled)

27. (Original) The fuse component of claim 25, wherein the resistive element, which is connected in parallel with the second conductor, has a resistance between 5 Ω and 20 Ω .

28. (Cancelled)

29. (Original) The fuse component of claim 25, wherein the internal conductor includes a fusible conductor.

30. (Cancelled)

31. (Original) The fuse component of claim 27, wherein the internal conductor includes a fusible conductor.

32. (Cancelled)

33. (Original) The fuse component of claim 25, wherein the internal conductor and the second conductor and the resistive element comprise structured layers on a substrate, the internal conductor being arranged above a section of the second conductor and separated from it by an electrically insulating layer.

34-35. (Cancelled)

36. (New) A fuse component, comprising:

an insulating substrate;

a conductive layer atop the substrate, the conductive layer including a transverse portion;

a resistive element atop the conductive substrate, the resistive element in contact with two ends of the conductive layer;

a fusible conductor in series with the resistive layer, a path of the fusible conductor nearing a path of the conductive layer in the transverse portion, so that when an arc is formed near a location where the fusible conductor nears the conductive layer, the arc can act on the fusible conductor to alter electrical properties of the fusible conductor;

a first terminal connected with the conductive layer; and

a second terminal connected to the fusible conductor.

37. (New) The component according to Claim 36, wherein the conductive layer is in a form of a U, the resistive layer in contact with two ends of the U.

38. (New) The component according to Claim 36, wherein the resistive element has an electrical resistance between about 5Ω and about 20Ω .

39. (New) The new component according to Claim 36, wherein the path of the fusible conductor nears the path of the conductive layer in the transverse portion where the paths cross.

40. (New) A fuse component, comprising:
an insulating substrate;
a conductive layer atop the substrate, the conductive layer including two ends and a middle portion;
a resistive layer atop the conductive substrate, the resistive layer in contact with two ends of the conductive layer;
a second conductor in series with the resistive layer, the second conductor crossing the conductive layer in the middle portion, so that when an arc is formed near a location where the second conductor crosses the conductive layer, the arc can act on the fusible conductor to alter electrical properties of the second conductor;
a first terminal connected with the conductive layer; and
a second terminal connected to the second conductor

41. (New) The fuse component according to Claim 40, wherein the second conductor is a fusible conductor.

42. (New) The fuse component according to Claim 40, for use as a fuse component, wherein the second conductor is ruptured to form an arc if a current through the second conductor exceeds a maximum value for an associated maximum period of time.

43. (New) The fuse component according to Claim 40, wherein the second conductor comprises a two-pole component, an electrical resistance of the component altered under the action of the arc.